



The Connection

A Word from Pastor Dave

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And

they cried out in a loud voice:
 “Salvation belongs to our God,
 who sits on the throne,
 and to the Lamb.”

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

“Amen!
 Praise and glory
 and wisdom and thanks and honor
 and power and strength
 be to our God for ever and ever.
 Amen!” (Revelation 7:9-12, NIV)

What a great passage. Think of the power in all those voices crying out with absolute conviction these proclamations of worship. Having been swept into this apocalyptic vision we might wonder how the Apostle John was personally impacted. No doubt as those heavenly chambers reverberated with the thunderous sound of the “great multitude” the Apostle’s own hearts must have been on fire. The text doesn’t share

September Dates:

- 1st Prayer at Ruby's 10:30
- 4th Outdoor Service 6:15
- 6th Labour Day
- 7th First Day of School
- 8th Prayer at Ruby's 10:30
- 12th Drive In Worship 10:30
- 15th Prayer at Ruby's 10:30
- 19th Small Groups 9 & 11 am
- 19th Kids Wing & Nursery Starts 11:00 am
- 22nd Prayer at Ruby's 10:30
- 24-26th Women's Retreat
- 26th Drive In Worship 10:30

those personal details. Still, it's an interesting thought considering that in this life the rare recognition and declaration of something that is 100% true always touches the soul.

This passage clearly illustrates what the essence of worship really is. In this heavenly scene *real worship simply flows from a correct understanding of who we are and who God is*. The "great multitude" come into God's presence and immediately are 100% aware that they could not be there if He had not saved them. Now they fully understand from their own experience that they absolutely needed saving and have been saved.

The English word worship comes from the idea of reverently and/or accurately declaring someone's or something's worth. Unfortunately, this is not always as easy as it sounds. How many families have had all of Grandma's things stored up in the attic for years and never recognized the value of a couple of old paintings? How many people looking for a toothbrush see the Ultimate Razzle Dazzle Electric Toothbrush on the shelf for the low, low price of \$59.99. It's not the first time they have seen the URDET. But now, since their dentist has warned them that they have Gingivitis and are now trying to avoid Periodontitis, just a mere \$59.99 seems worth it. The first family doesn't know their own worth. The second shopper has just begun to

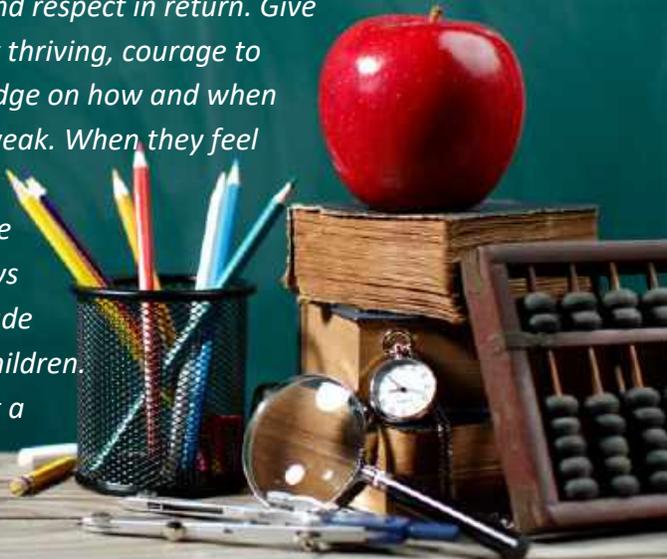
understand a problem they have had in truth for some time. All this is critical to worship, but it is exhausting. The subject of our own hearts will exhaust us because, among other things, it can be such a sad and frustrating narrative. Likewise, the subject of God will exhaust us just in the sheer scope of His infinite being and unimaginable grace. Therefore, authentic worship typically ends up being avoided as much as it is embraced. The Scriptures invite us to make our whole life an act of worship (Romans 12:1). Typically, we're offering God 60 minutes on Sunday (about 2 or 3 Sundays a month). But how can we improve that when the fact remains that true worship is relatively exhausting? Well, who helps the "great multitude"? ALL the angels do (v. 11)! What does Hebrew 10:25 say? "Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. *We should keep on encouraging each other...*" (CEV). And finally, Jesus explains, "God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." (John 4:24). Turns out worship is a team sport! Our worship is personally extended from our heart to our Saviour, but this ought to be with the encouragement, support and strength of our fellow Christians, the Angels and the Holy Spirit. Pretty cool, eh?

Prayer for Teachers

Dear God,

As countless teachers begin to prepare for a new school year ahead, grant them an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come.

Amen.





The Value of Corporate Worship

Speak to one another with Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:19-20.

As a worship leader I am aware of the need to lead people on a personal journey. Everyone comes from different places in life and that every person has a different response to the words I say and the songs we sing. I am also aware that there's incredible power when believers gather together with one song, one voice, in unity to worship.

Spending time in both individual and corporate worship can be really powerful things and we can't do without either of these. But they are not the same. God certainly wants us to spend time alone with Him. Talking to Him and listening to His still small voice. God desires "alone time" with us. He wants a personal relationship with us. He created us as individuals, and He invites us to come to Him and to know Him. However, God also wants us to come together so He can meet with us. We can know this by reading His Word. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them." Matthew 18:20. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit is present whenever believers gather. A great example of this is in the early church of Acts, which

made a habit of meeting together, eating together, and worshipping together.

I would like to encourage you as a believer when it comes to corporate worship gatherings.

Don't Quit Showing Up. We are members of one body. Your contribution matters. Your Faith matters. Your presence matters.

Sing Like You Mean It. Whether the worship team is singing your favorite song or not, your decision to sing out loud the "Truth of God" is an encouragement to us all.

Seek to Serve. "It's more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 you'll find more joy in being aware of the needs of others than in the needs of yourself.

Dance Like David Danced. When the Spirit of the Lord comes upon our hearts we will dance like David danced. David danced before the Lord with his whole being. Holding nothing back, he worshiped God with his singing, his legs moving, and his arms raised in praise to our God. (You know that you want to, so go for it)

September volunteer highlight

We are so excited for the Fall this year at South Point as we start to invite more of our volunteers back to serve in different areas. Throughout Covid, even though we couldn't always be together in the ways that we were accustomed to, it was a priority to find creative ways to stay connected. We are so thankful for all of the volunteers that helped to make our Drive In Worship, Summer Saturdays, Campfires, virtual game nights, In House church groups, Teddy Bear picnics, puppet shows, online videos.... all happen. We are so thankful for the people working in the background praying every week for our church family, for our community, cutting the grass, maintaining the building, the Pastoral team leading and caring for us through this pandemic. As we move forward, there is still some uncertainty about how we will have to adapt our programs as covid cases rise and fall and I appreciate everyone's patience as we serve together through these changes. As I have started to call some of our volunteers to see if they would like to serve again, I have received some very enthusiastic "yes's" and some cautious "I don't know if I'm ready yet"....everyone has different feelings toward this

pandemic and we want to make sure that you know that we respect everyone's decision on how comfortable they are with coming back to volunteer. We want to make sure everyone feels safe. So, please make sure you talk with me if you have any questions or concerns. One of the ministries that we are starting back up is in the Kids Wing and Nursery -woohoo!!! Starting on September 19th, our volunteers will be here to welcome our children back to class to learn all about how they are "Simply Loved" with our new curriculum. There may be a few different guidelines to follow as we adapt to keep everyone safe, but Kids Wing will still be lots of fun as they learn about Jesus' love for them. We will have more details soon. If you would like to serve with our children or in a different area, please let me know. I will continue to make calls to everyone to see if there is an area you would like to serve in or to answer any questions you may have. Please pray for our volunteers, for our leadership team as we make plans for the Fall. God is good and faithful, and I look forward to seeing how He will use our hands and feet to bless our community and to bring Him glory.

Prayer Corner

Lord, we know you are worthy

So as we grieve life's losses or celebrate its joys.

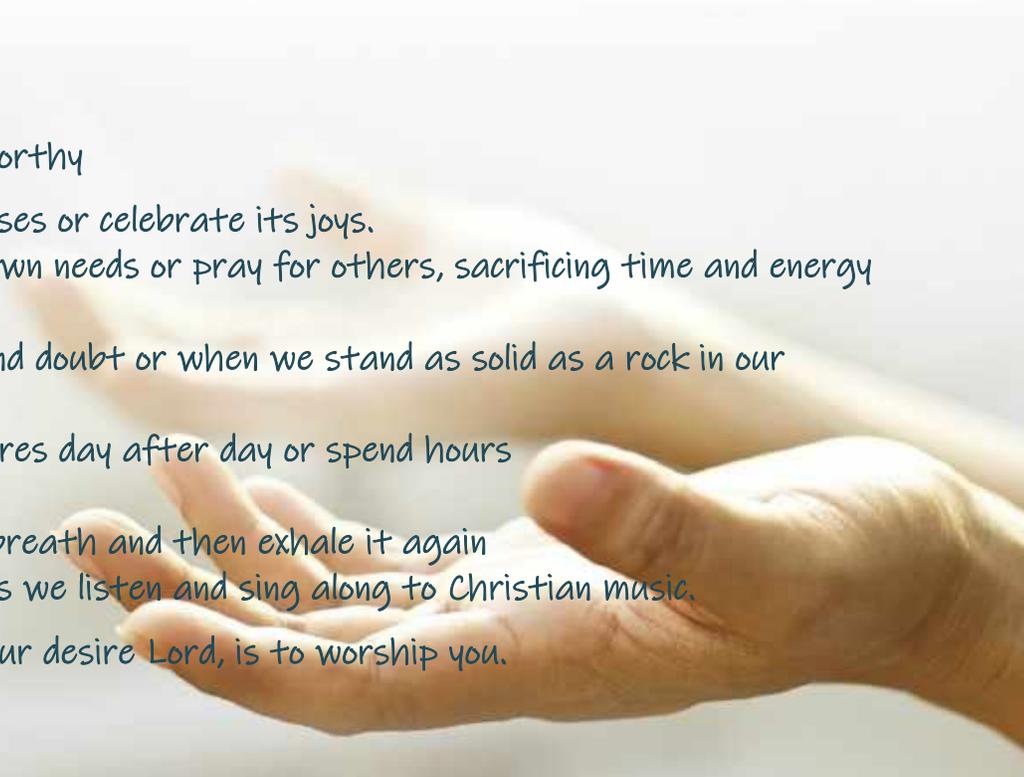
As we take care of our own needs or pray for others, sacrificing time and energy to serve them.

As we stumble in fear and doubt or when we stand as solid as a rock in our faith.

As we go about daily chores day after day or spend hours studying your word.

As we breathe in each breath and then exhale it again without a thought, or as we listen and sing along to Christian music.

In our living and dying, our desire Lord, is to worship you.



Saturday Summer Services





July Campfire Evening



Teddy Bear Picnic

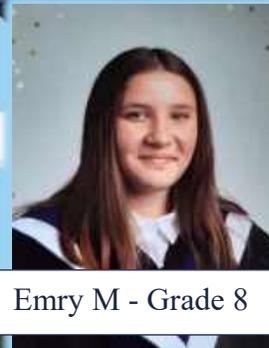


Graduates of 2021

Owen L - Grade 12



Zack M - Grade 12



Emry M - Grade 8



Neena B - STEPS Program



Cyrus D - Grade 12



Curtis D - Grade 12

What was your favourite "non-covid" part of summer?

Jenna:

Getting to play pickleball with my mom and some new friends! :) I also look forward to every single outdoor church service

Joni:

I think one of Ariel's favourite things was the Teddy bear picnic! Now every time we drive past a church she asks if they have a teddy bear picnic lol

Mine has been being able to go for walks and taking the kids to the park and getting together at church for the chosen study.

Keith:

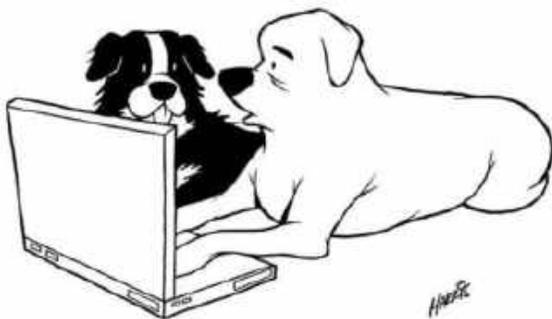
Riding my bike through Point Pelee with my brother.

J'Aime:

My favorite non-Covid part of summer was the return of live music. It is a slow return, but it is happening. Sharing the joy of the Lord through worship is a beautiful thing.

Autumn:

I have enjoyed the small walks down Point Pelee. It's Peaceful and I enjoy seeing the small or large creatures that roam around.



"And then I just hit delete. I haven't actually eaten any homework in years."

Happy Birthday

September

11th Roger

13th Jackson

14th Eden

20th Katy

25th Abby



1910; the original Leamington high school opened in January 1896 in a house purchased from Mr. Lewis Wigle. In 1908, 4 new rooms were added at the rear.